

AGENDA ITEM: System Advisory Board**GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:**

CURRENT STATUS: The System Advisory Board Program continues to make available to Systems a means for directly incorporating citizen advice in planning and delivering System services. A policy adopted by the Board in August 1985 authorized the charging of System administrative indirect costs against the CLSA System Reference, Communications and Delivery and System Advisory Board Program allocations, whereby up to 25% of each service program baseline may be used for Planning, Coordination & Evaluation (PC&E).

As part of an annual event held in conjunction with the November Board meeting, a luncheon recognizing all SABs is being hosted by the Silicon Valley Library System on Friday, November 10. A special time has been set aside at the Library of California Board Meeting on Friday, November 10 for System Advisory Board members to speak on behalf of their Boards. Exhibit A is the invitation mailed to SAB Chairs.

Summary of 1999/2000 System Annual Reports

Exhibit B displays a summary of performance objectives adopted for the System Advisory Board programs in the 15 Cooperative Library Systems and the reported levels of achievement. A few System Advisory Boards continue to be hampered in their efforts to develop an active SAB by the slowness of appointments by the governing bodies of member jurisdictions. Many Systems adopted and achieved performance objectives aimed at increasing the exchange of information between the System Administrative Councils, the System Advisory Boards, and the member communities. Among the methods adopted by various Systems for achieving this were: attendance by SAB members at Administrative Council meetings, written SAB reports on System activities and services to appointing bodies, and presentations by SAB members to community groups.

System Annual reports also indicate that SAB members are active in legislative issues in their communities and are continuing to participate in annual events such as CLA Legislative Day in Sacramento and the annual CLA conference. Several SAB members attended the Trustees workshop held in San Diego in July 1999 for Trustees, Friends, and SAB members.

RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE: Library of California Board review of the 1999/2000 System Annual Reports may suggest areas for Board policy development.

Relevant Committee: CLSA Transition
Staff Liaison: Sandy Habbestad